

Comic-Con-ation

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-ray vision? Fly? Stretch? How about, reading hearts, heal the sick and infirm, and the coup de grâce? Resurrect the dead; healthy, whole, and beautiful. Superheroes are an extension of our need to celebrate having the ability to perform miracles.

Did children of the nation of Israel pretend to be prophets when they played? Elijah resurrected a widow woman's son. And Elisha resurrected a cannibalised son of a Samaritan woman and sent her and the rest of her family out of the land during a seven-year famine.

Those first three superhero attributes came from comic books. The last three came from the true God. He gave the ability to resurrect the dead to some of His prophets of Israel. (Everyone resurrected still had sin). These were performing miracles on a smaller scale than what the Jesus performed. The historical narratives contained in the scrolls read by the Jews and Samaritans of the day reminded them of the grand promises to come. First, that Christ would be coming to the earth and die for humanity. Next, that Christ's coming would be a minor fulfilment of what will happen in his Kingdom.

What right minded person would not want to have the ability to perform wonderful works of divine proportions? If we need a departure from reality that lets us travel to a distant city, marvel at its hospitality, and join our peers in pretending we will save the world, stay safe and thank the true God for having a conscience that loves humanity. (Hear God say, "That was mac's aitch of a stretch on Comicon.")